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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO /SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3345

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL ASMARA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 13990

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, IT

SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR

REFS: (A) STATE 231065; (B) ADDIS ABABA 11576

1. MFA STANDS READY TO TRANSMIT MESSAGES FOR US WHEN REQUESTED. HOWEVER, SUB-SAHARAN OFFICE DIRECTOR RACHELE ASKED US TO BE SURE THAT WASHINGTON, ADDIS ABABA AND ASMARA, OR OTHER CONCERNED POSTS, ARE AWARE OF LEAD-TIME PROBLEM.

2. RACHELE POINTED OUT THAT GOI FEELS FAIRLY CONFIDENT IT CAN GET MESSAGE TO ETITREAN POLITICAL LEADERS, "ALL OF WHOM ARE OUTSIDE ERITREA" AT THIS POINT, WITH REASONABLE PROMPTNESS (RACHELE MENTIONED 24 HOURS). HOWEVER, BEYOND THAT IS THE PROBLEM OF GETTING WORD FROM THOSE LEADERS TO THE MILITARY OPERATIONAL UNITS IN ERITREA WHICH PRESUMABLY HAVE THE KAGNEW FOUR IN CUSTODY. RACHELE WAS RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE HOW MUCH LEAD-TIME WAS NECESSARY FOR REASONABLE ASSURANCE OF GETTING MESSAGE THROUGH TO THE APPROPRIATE LEVELS,  
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BUT WHEN PRESSED SAID THAT TWO DAYS MIGHT DO IT.

3. BELIEVE MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE AT LEAST  
LIMDIS TO HELP PROTECT GOI BY MINIMIZING CHANCES THAT  
DIRG MIGHT LEARN OF ITALIAN LINES INTO ELF CAMPS.  
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